



The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are

# Roll'n on the River

Spokane, Washington ★ July 13-18, 2009

More than 500 athletes, military veterans from across the United States, Puerto Rico and Great Britain who have served from World War II to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, will compete.

The Games include 17 competitive events, such as quad rugby (murderball), slalom (a timed obstacle course) and basketball.

Some contestants are first-time, newly injured veterans; others are world-class Paralympians.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in Olympic style to winning athletes.

## STORY IDEAS

### SPORTS

- ★ Wheelchair Sports (track, field, basketball, softball, swimming, and more)
- ★ World-class (Paralympic) athletes
- ★ Quad rugby (murderball) in action
- ★ Special exhibition event: Golf Clinic
- ★ New and experienced athletes and teams
- ★ Local Washington and Idaho athletes

### MILITARY/PATRIOTISM

- ★ Military heroes
- ★ Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom veterans
- ★ Combat-injured athletes
- ★ Female veterans
- ★ Veterans spanning generations

### HEALTH

- ★ Training for the competitions
- ★ Spinal cord research
- ★ Wellness for wheelchair users
- ★ Wheelchair technology/new prosthetic devices
- ★ Classification system for wheelchair competition
- ★ Stand-up events for amputee athletes

### FEATURE/HUMAN INTEREST

- ★ "Kids Day" activities
- ★ Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- ★ Volunteers at the Games
- ★ City prepares to host the 2009 Games
- ★ Special events/ceremonies
- ★ Celebrity guests
- ★ Corporate sponsors



The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are co-presented by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

